

CAPITOL CHIPS

DEPARTMENTAL SHAVINGS.

McGarrahan Bill—Nominations Made Yesterday—The Cases of Worthington and Van Valkenburgh—Patents—Diplomatic Matters.

The United States has no authority, nor does it have jurisdiction over the Gulf of Mexico or the waters of the United States, either throughout or in part.

It was said that Representatives Hardenbaugh and Hays had received enough pledges from Democrats to assure them that Congress will not adjourn until after the summer recess, pending the extension of national bank charters.

The Secretary of the Treasury has declined to work on the post-office building at Baltimore, Md., because of the expense involved. It is against the usual practice of the Department, although material will be contracted for separately.

Reports were present-day to the House, Representative Morse, for the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a favorable report on the bill introduced by Representative Charles C. Smith of New York.

Representative Valentine, from the Committee on Agriculture, yesterday made an adverse report on the bill to authorize the Commissioner of

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all of the engineers and laborers detailed for duty at the White House during President Wilson's sickness in running the refrigerating machine were left out of the allowances by the committee on auditing the expenses of the illness of the Chief Magistrate. They worked night and day, just the same as the other Government employees at the White House.

The President has transmitted to Congress a note addressed by the Minister Plenipotentiary of Mexico to the Secretary of State, proposing the conclu-

of a conviction between the two countries in defining the boundary between the United States and Mexico, from the Rio Grande westward to the Pacific Ocean, by the erection of durable monuments. The President approves of the plan and gives his views at length on the subject.

Representative Hawk, from the Committee on Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, yesterday made a report upon the bill granting pensions for injuries received or disabilities incurred in the saving, railway mail, and internal revenue services of the United States. The report says that the committee do not believe the time has arrived for making a civil pension list, but that Congress has a duty to pass upon each case on its individual merits.

It is understood that the grade of the pension

which Mr. Francis has been appointed will be used to minister-resident and consul-general. The House passed the diplomatic appropriation bill so as to leave the position a charge slip. The inference committee of the two houses will probably adopt the House bill so far as the representative to Portugal is concerned, and thus place our representative on the same footing as that of our minister to Belgium, the Hague, and other countries.

The President sent the following nomination to the Senate yesterday: Alphonso Taft, of Ohio, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Austria; William Daykin, of New Jersey, to be minister-resident at Stockholm, Sweden; and Nicholas Ytchouk, of New York, to be minister-resident at

of New York, to be minister-resident to Belgium; John M. Francis, of New York, to be chargé d'affaires to Portugal; J. P. Wickersham, of Pennsylvania, to be chargé d'affaires to Denmark; Adlai Stevenson, of New York, to be consul-general at Havana; Harry L. Haight, of New York, to be United States consul at Pinarott.

The Senate Committee on Commerce yesterday afternoon took up the request of Senators Hoar and Dawes, for personal consideration of the nomination of Roland H. Worthington for the Boston customs collectorship, in order to afford the two Massachusetts Senators an opportunity to be heard in opposition.

The next regular meeting of the committee will be held on Monday, June 10, at a special meeting will be called at an earlier date for the purpose of considering the report on the contested nomination of Thomas N. Van Valkenburgh as supervising inspector of steam vessels in the ninth New York district.

Representative Joyce, from the Committee on Pensions, made a favorable report upon Representative Van Valkenburgh's bill for the purpose of pension and to deny land-warrant claims neglected under existing laws and to provide for and justice in granting pensions. The bill was reported by the committee by a majority of 10 to 1. The committee is composed by the President of two commissioners at a salary of \$5,000 per annum, one physician and one the other a physician, who will constitute a board, with the Commissioner of Pensions as ex-officio member. The committee believe that this measure will relieve Congress from the consideration of a vast number of pension claims now brought before them for consideration.

Assistant Secretary of War will probably make his last visit to Fortress Monroe next week.

R. H. J. Buwens and Alonso K. Lofly have been appointed internal rescuing store-keepers and managers for the slum district of North Carolina.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury New York is last night for Indianapolis to attend to private business. He will be gone about eight days.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations yesterday morning heard Public Printer Bonnell's chief clerk Childs in explanation of the work of the printer.

The Secretary of the Treasury was very much opposed yesterday by reports that he intended making a loan of \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000. In view of the importance of the subject he yesterday said he had no mind to making any such loan. He said he would not put any bill until May 1. When he does make one it will be for \$15,000,000.

SECRETARY FOLGER stated yesterday afternoon that the Treasury reserve, which is now over \$100,000,000, would be sufficient to meet any emergency he is in such condition that he would not consider the propriety of making another loan for bonds. The exact amount of reserve for the closed market is not known, but it is believed to be \$100,000,000 and above all demand liabilities exported to the United States notes.

IN THE assignment of the rooms in the Postoffice building recently vacated by the members of the order division, the Sixth Auditor of the Treasury, under Ely, was directed by the Postmaster-General to exchange his rooms on the first floor of the building for rooms on the third floor. The Auditor, after a vigorous but unsuccessful protest to the Postmaster-General, against the proposed removal, has appealed the secretaries of the Treasury and the Postmaster-General has suggested that the matter be referred to the President for decision.

THE WORLD BE ASSURED OF THE QUEEN'S PROTECTION
LONDON, April 26.—After the jury in the case of the Queen's consort, the Queen's consort, had rendered a verdict of acquittal on the ground of insanity, it was ordered that Maclean be detained in custody during Her Majesty's pleasure. Deliberations of the jury occupied but five minutes.

CABLE CATCHES.

The government of Spain has set apart a firm sum of £60,000 per annum for the construction of roads in order to give employment to the laborers of the drought-stricken provinces of Catalonia, Valencia and Andalusia.

A meeting was held at the Mansion House, London yesterday in furtherance of the proposed fish exhibition at London in 1904. Mr. Lowell, the American Minister, said he had grounds for believing that his Government would participate. He had, he transmitted by cable to Washington the formal invitation.